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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to shared operational functions for purposes of
2 supplementary weighting for school districts and including
3 effective date and applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
5 programming for school districts that share operational
6 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision
7 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director,
8 master social worker, independent social worker, or school
9 counselor, or one or more operational functions in the areas
10 of superintendent management, business management, human
11 resources, transportation, information technology, or operation
12 and maintenance for at least twenty percent of the school
13 year shall be assigned a supplementary weighting for each
14 shared operational function. A school district that shares an
15 operational function in the area of superintendent management
16 shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of eight pupils for
17 the function. A school district that shares an operational
18 function in the area of business management, human resources,
19 transportation, or operation and maintenance shall be assigned
20 a supplementary weighting of five pupils for the function. A
21 school district that shares an operational function in the
22 area of information technology or that shares the operational
23 functions of a curriculum director, a master social worker or
24 an independent social worker licensed under [chapters 147](#) and
25 154C, or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary
26 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional
27 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational
28 function shared. However, a school district may receive the
29 additional weighting under [this subsection](#) for sharing the
30 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if
31 the type of operational function performed by the individual
32 for the school district and the type of operational function
33 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are
34 not the same operational function, so long as both operational
35 functions are eligible for weighting under [this subsection](#). In

1 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional
2 weighting for the type of operational function that the
3 individual performs for the school district, and the school
4 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other
5 function performed by the individual. The operational function
6 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented
7 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under
8 this subsection.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
10 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

11 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
12 years beginning on or after July 1, 2021, subject to the school
13 budget year limitations of section 257.11, subsection 5.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting
18 for school districts and area education agencies that share
19 specified operational functions for at least 20 percent of the
20 school year. Supplementary weighting under this provision is
21 available for school budget years beginning on or after July 1,
22 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2024.

23 This bill adds the sharing of an operational function
24 in the area of information technology to the list of
25 eligible operational functions and positions eligible for a
26 supplementary weighting of three pupils.

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school
28 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2021, through the
29 school budget year beginning July 1, 2024.